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Submitted herewith are copies of the four publications identified on the attached form PTO/SB/08A. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the attached form PTO/SB/08A to confirm that the publications listed therein have been considered and made of record.

Commercially available English language Abstracts are provided for each of the Japanese publications submitted herewith.

Japanese 55-012429 and 63-189853 are identified at page 2, line 2 of the present specification, and are discussed on pages 1-2 of the present specification.

Japanese 9-090048 is identified at page 2, line 2 from the bottom of the present specification, and is discussed on pages 23 of the present specification.

Japanese 6-342098 is identified at page 3, line 7 of the present specification, and is discussed on pages 2-3 of the present specification.

It is respectfully submitted that the discussions in the present specification, in conjunction with the commercially available English language Abstracts, constitute an explanation of relevance of the publications submitted herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the publications submitted herewith and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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